

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.3(b)
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



Atty. Dkt. 540-180
Date: December 20, 1999

Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:
SURFACE TOPOLOGY INSPECTION

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- An abstract together with
18 pages of specification and claims including
19 numbered claims and also attached is/are
7 sheets of accompanying drawings.
 This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

Application No.	Country	Filing Date
9828474.8	Great Britain	24 December 1998

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date
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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.

This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed . Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.

Also attached.

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